

Maricopa County in Smithsonian

Maricopa County Recorder will become part of the Smithsonian Institution's Permanent Research Collection of Information Technology Innovation at the National Museum of American History on June 10, 1997, when the 1997 Collection is formally presented to the Institution in Washington, D.C. At the Arizona Maricopa County Recorder, a failing, antiquated, labor-intensive manual recording process is replaced by a completely automated, customer-friendly process recognized as being on the cutting edge of recording automation.

"Maricopa County Recorder is using information technology to create strides toward remarkable social improvement in government and non-profit," said Dr. David Allison, Chairman of the National Museum of American History's Division of Information Technology and Society. "We are delighted to have this excellent example of how information technology is being used to improve our world included in the national collection."

Each year, the Computerworld Smithsonian Chairmen's Committee nominates individuals who are using information technology to improve society for inclusion in the Smithsonian's National

IT Innovation Collection. Founded in 1989, the Computerworld Smithsonian Program searches for and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated vision and leadership as they strive to use information technology in innovative ways across ten categories: Business and Related Services; Education and Academia; Environment, Energy and Agriculture; Finance, Insurance and Real Estate; Government and Non-Profit Organizations; Manufacturing; Media, Arts and Entertainment; Medicine; Science; and Transportation.

This year, 321 innovative applications of information technology from 39 states and 21 countries will be presented to the Smithsonian.

Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian Institution is dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge. The materials submitted in the Government & Non-Profit Organizations category on behalf of Maricopa County Recorder will enrich the Smithsonian's growing permanent collection on the Information Age, one of the most important of its kind in the world.

The collection serves a critical historical purpose by helping the National Museum of

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American History record the information technology revolution and the impact it has on our lives. As part of the Smithsonian Institution's Permanent Collection, Maricopa County Recorder's Recorder's Document Information System becomes part of a national treasure which documents how information technology is being

used to shape society and improve our world.

When the 1997 Collection is formally presented to the Smithsonian Institution on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, the Maricopa County Recorder's case study will join over 2,000 other examples of innovative use of information technology, available